Datchet Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, ON MONDAY 17th ARRIL 2023 at 19:00

Present: Cllr. D. Buckley (Chairman) Cllr. L. O'Flynn, Cllr. E. Larcombe, Cllr. T. O'Flynn Cllr. D. Loveridge, Cllr I. Thompson
Cllr M. Fitzgerald Cllr. Mrs. M. Davies, Cllr I. Bacon
Cllr A. Verma (Arrived at 7.37pm) Cllr A. Clemens (Arrived at 8.25pm)

In attendance: Locum Clerk Helen Broughton
Minutes taken by Sonia Masikito

Apologies: From Cllr Loveridge on behalf of Cllr Verma he was running late for the meeting.

Public: There were 6 members of the public present.

Recording of this meeting is available on Datchet Parish Council's Website

22.186 Announcements
Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

22.187 Public Questions
No public questions

22.188 Declaration of interest
None

22.189 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 13th March 2023
The minutes were AGREED by all as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

22.190 Matters arising from the above minutes
None

22.191 General

a. Chairman's Report (for information only)

b. Datchet Parish Council have been approached by St Bernards Prep School in Slough to attach a banner on the memorial green in Datchet village to inform Datchet residents of their opening day in September. 2023. This would be located from 4th-15th September"

Declaration of Interest from Cllr L O'Flynn – Her children used to attend this school.
The banner will fit between the two posts, all councillors in favour, Cllr I Thompson will liaise with Dean to arrange installation of this sign.

c. Clerks Report (for information only)
Report circulated
Defibrator battery has arrived. This defib unit be will be reinstated outside the parish office.

22.192 **Planning**

NEW APPLICATIONS – FOR CONSIDERATION

a. **Appn No: 23/00571**
Location: 18 Linchfield Road, Datchet, SL3 9LZ
Type: Full
Proposal: Demolition of existing shed and erection of new garage.
Recommendation: Objection due to no history on the property supplied with the application and no flood risk assessment as property sits within a flood plain. Additionally, we would raise the issue of the boundary wall that the plans appear to attach to. If a suitable flood risk assessment and property history was submitted, we would remove our objection but still raise the concern on the boundary wall to the applicant.

b. **Appn No: 23/00598**
Location: 34 Montagu Road, Datchet, SL3 9DJ
Type: Full
Proposal: Single storey front/side extension following demolition of the existing garage.
Recommendation: No Objection. However, to maintain constituency with our concerns on alterations to the front facing of properties that sit within the historic conservation area, we would ask for conditions to be attached that all materials and design following those set out in the adopted Datchet Design Guide and the soon to be adopted Datchet Neighborhood plan that is going to referendum on 4th May 2023. We would wish to minimize the street facing views being affected looking onto the property so as not to affect the street scene in any way. We would wish to gain input from the Conservation officer for guidance and oversight of this development should it go ahead.

c. **Appn No: 23/00655**
Location: 3 Southlea Road, Datchet, SL3 9BY
Type: Works to Trees covered by TPO
Proposal: (T1) - Sycamore - Pollard to previous pollard points, leaving a final height of 7m and final width of 6m. (028/1996/TPO).
Recommendation: No Objection

d. **Appn No: 23/00635**
Location: 24 And Land At 24 Fairfield Avenue Datchet Slough
Type: Full
Proposal: 1no. detached dwelling and new shared access with No. 24 Fairfield Avenue.
Recommendation: Objection. Maintaining our and RBWM's officers comments from the previously refused objection on application 21/03267/FULL where it was refused. We cannot see how the applicant has mitigated all the concerns or the reasons for the previous refusal. This application has not been amended to alter the reasons for refusal. To mitigate some of the objections, we would suggest to the applicant that any new proposed property was attached to existing properties to maintain street scene, increase property size and to be built in a suitable size and position to meet officers concerns, adopted Datchet Design Guide and the Datchet Neighbourhood Plan which is in referendum.

e. **Appn No: 23/00720**
Location: 1 Manor Houses The Green Datchet Slough SL3 9EL
Type: Full
Proposal: Detached garage with carport and home office within the roof space following the demolition of the existing garage.
Recommendation: Objection – We are concerned about the change to the skyline on this listed historic building in the centre of the historic green of Datchet. We object to any removal of the chimney as set out on application 23-00284-LBC and this roof space expansion within sight of a listed building. This would completely change the outlook from the listed building. We cannot see the benefit to changing this structure in the proposed way, even though the proposed material construction would look suitable outside of the location of a historic listed building which does not sit within a historic conservation area but on this occasion, it does sit within both. We would also refer this application for oversight by the listed buildings officer at RBWM for input. This property is being over developed in every way the applicant can and there just does not seem any supporting reason for such changes to a historic listed building

f. **Appn No: 23/00696**
Location: 14 Eton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9AY
Type: Full
Proposal: Part single, part two storey side/rear extension, 2no. rear Juliet balconies and alterations to the external finish.
Recommendation: Objection This is clearly now overdevelopment of the flood plain and this additional area would certainly affect adjacent properties with potential flooding by ground water and flooding. There has to be a limit set to expansion within the flood zone and we feel this applicant was granted a previous recent application and is now pushing the sqm beyond the guidelines and certainly to a point that would affect adjacent properties and the character of this 1850's Detached style villa property. We would like to draw to officers' attention that this application has no flood risk assessment so this application should be refused on this basis alone as the property sits within a flood zone and would require such an assessment with the large increase in dimensions. This is particularly important as some of these Victorian properties have cellars beneath their properties.
We also take note of the application and the fact that it will stop the natural light reaching neighbouring properties that have benefited from this for the lifetime of their properties, this application will remove this and remove statutory right to light.
We support the objections lodged by residents who have concerns over use of the property, parking restrictions that this would application could cause and has not been mitigated by the applicant.

Additional comments were presented by 3 local residents for the planning application for 14 Eton Road.
Resident 1 - Party wall agreement is needed. Parking is going to be problem.
Resident 2 – There are issues with the smell of cannabis coming from the property, fly tipping and pests at the property.
Resident 3 – Is a neighbor and was never notified of any planning applications.

Cllr I Thompson suggested that the building should be listed.

It was requested the Borough Cllr E Larcombe call this application in with RBWM. All agreed.

Cllr Buckley will update recommendation to include flood risk assessment and right to natural light

Members noted the Borough Council decisions.

g. To agree responses to new applications listed on the attached planning addendum and note Planning Decisions.

The Lead Member for Planning asked for any comments on his report and recommendations which had been circulated. It was **PROPOSED** by **Cllr. D.Buckley** and **SECONDED** by **Cllr. I. Bacon** that the recommendations made be approved, **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

h. Lead councillors report to include any new 106 Allocations and Enforcement matters. (For information only)

106 Allocations
No 106 notifications
DNP referendum is on the 04th May 2023

Enforcement Matters
RBWM are refusing to discuss any enforcement matters.

i. Councillors Questions

Cllr L O'Flynn – There has been no provision made for voting for DNP referendum. Cllr Buckley advised her to contact electoral services at RBWM to obtain polling card.

Cllr E Larcombe – Has there been any progress in the investigation of the Land by the motorway by riding court?
Cllr D Buckley has written to Highways England and RBWM highways, no response has been received as yet, he will follow up.

22.193 <u>Finance & Administration</u>

a. Lead Councillors Report (for information only) (Cllr Mrs.M.Davies)
No report circulated

b. To note and approve the Asset Register as at 31 03 2023 (paper)
It was **PROPOSED** by **Cllr. M. Davies** and **SECONDED** by **Cllr.T.O'Flynn** that the recommendations made be approved
In favour – 8
Abstentions – 1
2 councillor votes not counted as councillors joined the meeting after the vote had been concluded.

Cllr I Bacon – Requested clarity on the below questions?
Substation site due was due for renewal in 2016 ?
Milestone should be included on the asset register? Milestone is listed a monument.
Cllr I Bacon to write to Parish Office for more information.

c. To consider and approve the Financial and Administrative Risk Assessment (paper)

It was **PROPOSED** by **Cllr. M. Davies** and **SECONDED** by **Cllr. I. Bacon** that the recommendations made be approved. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**
Working groups or lead councillors to arrange a meeting to discuss items that need further consideration.

d. To consider and approve an Investment Policy (paper)
It was **PROPOSED** by **Cllr. M. Davies** and **SECONDED** by **Cllr. T O'Flynn** that the recommendations made be approved. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

e. To approve a statement of internal control for the year ending 31st March 2023 (paper)
It was **PROPOSED** by **Cllr. M. Davies** and **SECONDED** by **Cllr. I. Thompson** that the recommendations made be approved. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

f. To agree further details for the Annual Parish Meeting (if necessary)
Meeting take place on Monday 24th April 2023 between 6-8pm
Different format from previous meetings, open forum to engage local residents. Free Tea/coffee and biscuits, Cllr Clemens to advertise on social media, Office to publicise on Parish website and noticeboards to be updated. Flyers to be put in the pub and The Bridge Café.

g. To agree Councillor Induction training, following the elections
It was **PROPOSED** by **Cllr. M. Davies** and **SECONDED** by **Cllr. T O'Flynn** that the recommendations made be approved. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

h. To approve the Income & Expenditure as at 31st March 2023 and 14th April 2023 (circulated)
It was **PROPOSED** by **Cllr. M. Davies** and **SECONDED** by **Cllr. T O'Flynn** that the recommendations made be approved. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

i. Councillors Questions

22.194 <u>Borough Councillors Report</u>

Cllr. E. Larcombe
Borough council meeting next Tuesday 25/04/2023
Planning meeting next Wednesday 26/04/2023
Cabinet meeting 27/04/2023

Cllr D Buckley
Requested that Cllr Larcombe advise DPC if AL39 comes up at the development meeting.

22.195 <u>Grounds</u>

a. Lead Councillors Report (For information only) (Cllr I Thompson)
Report produced and issued to all councillors.

Sunday car parking charges – Cllr I Thompson /DPC office with object to these charges with the Borough.

b. To consider quotations for Perimeter Greens Edging and approve a contractor / Expenditure.
Still awaiting 1 quote -Defer till next parish meeting

c. To consider quotations for Recreation ground path ways and approve a contractor/expenditure.

Still awaiting 1 quote -Defer till next parish meeting

d. Councillors' Questions.
No Questions

22.196 Properties

a. Lead Councillors Report (For information only) (Cllr D Loveridge)
Report produced and issued to all councillors.

b. To agree to engage Fitz Solicitors for work relating to the Datchet Health Centre.
It was **PROPOSED** by **Cllr. D. Loveridge** and **SECONDED** by **Cllr. T O'Flynn** that the recommendations made be approved. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

c. To agree expenditure of £331.16 (ex vat) on a Legionella Risk Assessment for the Datchet Football Club changing rooms.
It was **PROPOSED** by **Cllr. M. Davies** and **SECONDED** by **Cllr. T O'Flynn** that the recommendations made be approved. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

If Datchet football club are responsible for this – The bill will be forwarded to them.

d. To receive an update on the mortuary store.
Installing toilets in the mortuary store is not viable option. To be raised at the next meeting to approve abandoning this job.

24a The Green/The Bridge Café, update on works, 2 x water feeds have been installed, 1 x water meter need to be installed for the flat.

24a The Green, the shower room is in a very bad condition, a full survey is needed to check extent of damage.

e. Councillors' Questions.
No Questions

22.197 Highways

a. Lead Councillors Report (For information only) (Cllr L O'Flynn)
No Report Circulated

Pot holes are a big problem in Datchet – Cllr L. O'Flynn will contact the Borough to discuss this.

Cllr Buckley requested that Cllr L O'Flynn report back with her findings at the next Parish meeting on 15/05/2023.

b. Councillors Questions
Cllr D Loveridge – Cars are parking on both sides of the road on Horton Road by the Turkish restaurant / New Nursery, this is causing lots of congestion and increasing the risk of a road traffic accident.

Cllr I Thompson - Overgrown hedges by Eton Road/Eton Close/Elsmere Close, these need to be cut down. This is a risk to pedestrians as they are having to step into the road.

Cllr M Davies – Drain cover in road on London Road, very loud when driving over it.

22.198 Flooding

c. Lead Councillor's Report (for information only) (Cllr I. Thompson)

Report produced and circulated to all members.

d. **Councillors' Questions.**
No questions raised by councillors

22.199 **Events**

a. **Lead Councillor's Report (for information only) (Cllr A. Clemens)**

b. **To approve a Risk Assessment for the Coronation Fete.**
It was **PROPOSED** by **Cllr. A. Clemens** and SECONDED by **Cllr. I Bacon** that the recommendations made be approved. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

c. **Councillors' Questions**
All relevant licenses have been obtained.

22.200 **Working Groups**

a. **To receive reports from Working Groups (if necessary).**
Cllr I Thompson – Signage issue with company in Highstreet, advice has been given on suitable signage in line with Datchet design guide and neighbourhood plan.

Cemetery Working Group Report – (for information only) (Cllr Loveridge)

b. **To approve a recommendation from the Cemetery Working Group to have a sign at the Cemetery to let the public know war graves are situated there.**
Sign choice –powers have been delegated to the officers.
It was **PROPOSED** by **Cllr. D. Loveridge** and SECONDED by **Cllr. T O'Flynn** that the recommendations made be approved. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

c. **Councillors' Questions**
Office to send the working group list to Cllr Mary Fitzgerald.

22.201 **Councillors' Questions & Comments**

Cllr Larcombe

1. **For the record – Informal year end update DRCCT**
   Heating is working ok
   Year End accounts are being finalised.
   Charges are going to be going up

2. **For the record – Update on 3 recent court cases**
   Cllr Larcombe circulated a report regarding 3 court cases.
   Swans, Poaching, Hare Coursing.

3. **For Discussion - The Myrke house numbers 115 to 129 are in the Parish of Datchet and RBWM Borough. The historic Slough Borough boundary beyond 129 was retained after the Motorway cut off the original B376 Slough Road about 50 years ago. All the remaining houses are left in a cul-de-sac accessed only from Datchet. To consider whether a boundary review request is appropriate and supported.**
   Office to investigate how a boundary review can be instigated.

   Cllr. A Verma – All councillors should have a criminal record check done before joining the council. Cllr Buckley advised this is part of the declaration when you apply to become a councillor.

Cllr I Thompson – Motorcycles on the recreation ground becoming a big problem. They are risk to the public, they are damaging the recreation ground and ruining all the line markings for the football club.

Cllr I Thompson to email PCSO Les Bradfield and CC Cllr Buckley about this problem.
Cllr Buckley will forward the email to Police Sargent.

22.202 Public Question Time. Questions (only for clarification relating to matters discussed on the agenda and limited to 2 minutes a person and 10 minutes Maximum in total)

Resident 1

1. War graves commission sign, if there going to be any type of listing outlining which war dead are in the cemetery can the Village society be involved?
   The request from the War commission was just to add a sign stating " War Dead Grave" no list is being included.

2. Conservation area working group meeting – The village society and the neighbourhood plan group were on this working groups and were not included in this meeting.
   Cllr Buckley – This was not a meeting of the working grouping but a discussion with a local business regarding signage.

Resident 2

3. The resident has had a disappointing response from police/pcso and has written formerly to Borough acting commander with this complaint.
   More results are achieved by complaining higher up the command.
   The police need to be called to account.

   Cllr I Bacon – Investigated fund raising opportunity passed on by Cllr Buckley- He as was advised that it is very hard for parish council's to get funding. It may be possible to get funding by setting up alternative community groups.

The meeting closed at 21:03PM

THE NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 25TH MAY 2023 AT 7:00PM

_____ **CHAIRMAN**

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